

Special Meeting/Goals Workshop
November 8, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine Community School District met in special session on Thursday, November 8th at 4:00 p.m. at the LM Admin Office at 14478 170th St, Letts IA. Directors present included Scott Wilson, Pam Lee, Eric Schlutz, Tom Berryman and Barbara Thompson. Also present was Supt. Mike Van Sickle.

Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Berryman moved, and Thompson seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

Board Goals

The board reviewed their previously set goals. Overall the board agreed the previous goals were being met. The board indicated they wanted to maintain some of the existing goals and align the objectives to reflect their current vision. Following discussion they agreed on the following objectives for each goal:

- High Student Achievement: Increase the students that meet benchmark in the fast assessments and strive to increase graduation rates. Strive for an 80% FAFSA application participation and continued implementation of the 95% program.
- Quality School Environment: Investigate, Identify and plan for areas to improve safety and energy efficiency.

Provide documentation in the student handbook regarding discipline around the following issues:

Document specific discipline options concerning possession of tobacco, alcohol or illegal substance including paraphernalia on school property or events. Consider if board policy (or sections of the policy) for alcohol should be moved to handbook or eliminated due to redundancy. Document specific discipline options concerning possession of weapon on school property and clarification on what is a weapon. Document if punishments for successive offenses are for the school calendar year or for life of student enrollment.

- Qualified and Dedicated Employees: Continue to support TLC (Teacher Leadership and Compensation) through the PLC and MTSS programs and encourage professional development in the areas of technology and education.
- Excellence in Extra-Curricular Programming: Finding a way(s) to increase student participation rates in all activities. Policy regarding participation/creation of clubs/activities on school property.

- Financial Solvency: Continue to have a solvency ratio above 20% in the general fund and continue the PPEL/SAVE five year long-term planning and review at the May board meeting. Provide options to the board if enrollment drops another 10%. What non-staff reductions can be made to reclaim this loss?

A consensus was reached to put these objectives on the November 19th regular agenda for action.

Policy Review and Update – Series 100, 200 & 300

A review of Series 100, 200 and 300 policies was done. The updated policies will be presented for a first reading at the next regular board meeting.

Informational

Supt. Van Sickle reviewed policy 504.2, Student Organizations. The updated policy will be presented for a first reading at the next regular board meeting.

Adjournment

Berryman moved, and Schlutz seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

Scott Wilson, President

Charles Domer, Secretary